

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 14

May 18, 2007

**SUBJECT: USE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY UNIFIED ARRESTEE MEDICAL
 SCREENING FORM, FORM SH-R-422, FOR JUVENILES**

PURPOSE: In 2006, the Los Angeles County Probation Department determined a medical screening shall be completed for juveniles detained at Los Angeles County Juvenile Detention Center facilities. The Los Angeles County Probation Department requires all law enforcement officers to use the Los Angeles County Unified Arrestee Medical Screening Form, Form SH-R-422, to document the medical screening of juveniles. This Order documents proper completion of the Los Angeles County Unified Arrestee Medical Screening Form for juveniles detained at Los Angeles County Detention Center facilities on Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections.

PROCEDURE: The Los Angeles County Probation Department requires law enforcement officers to complete the Los Angeles County Unified Arrestee Medical Screening Form, Form SH-R-422, for each juvenile detained at a Los Angeles County Juvenile Detention Center facility.

Note: Use of the Los Angeles County Unified Arrestee Medical Screening Form for adult arrestees has not changed.

**I. LOS ANGELES COUNTY UNIFIED ARRESTEE MEDICAL SCREENING
 FORM, FORM SH-R-422, COMPLETION FOR JUVENILES.**

A. Use of Form. The Los Angeles County Unified Arrestee Medical Screening Form is used to document the medical screening of juveniles detained on Sections 601 WIC or 602 WIC and the related penal code charge at Los Angeles County Juvenile Detention Center facilities (i.e., Eastlake, Los Padrinos and Sylmar Juvenile Halls).

Note: Completion of the Los Angeles County Unified Arrestee Medical Screening Form is not necessary if the juvenile is booked on the WIC Section and the related offense, and released to a parent, guardian or Status Offender Detention Alternative (SODA) facility.

B. Completion. Arresting officers shall complete the Los Angeles County Unified Arrestee Medical Screening Form for each juvenile detained at a

County juvenile detention facility. It is recommended that arresting officers complete the Los Angeles County Unified Arrestee Medical Screening Form prior to transporting the juvenile to a County detention facility so that any medical or mental health issues can be properly addressed.

1. Completion - Arresting Officer. The arresting officer shall:

- * Indicate the juvenile's name, booking number and date at the top of the form;
- * The "Outside Agency Medical Declaration" section is not applicable and shall be left blank;
- * Complete the "Arresting Officer's Observations" section, questions one through five;
- * Request the juvenile to sign after question number five;

Note: If the juvenile is unable or refuses to sign the form, the arresting officer shall write "unable" or "refused."

- * Indicate their name, serial number, Area/division of assignment, and time of completion in the space provided after question number five;

Note: Completion of the "Jailer's Assessment" section, questions six through sixteen, is the responsibility of the agency housing the juvenile.

- * Notify their watch commander of the juvenile's medical or mental health concerns, or affirmative answers to any questions; and,

Note: Juveniles who are ill or injured shall be examined by a paramedic or a contract hospital physician, prior to transportation to any County juvenile facility. Officers shall advise intake personnel of the medical treatment (MT) and attach a copy of the MT slip with the arrest report or appropriate reports, as delineated in Department Manual Section 4/218.66.

- * Contact and be guided by the Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) in the event the juvenile appears to suffer from a mental illness and/or is a danger to self, danger to others or gravely disabled.

Note: A gravely disabled minor is defined by Section 5585 WIC as "a minor who, as a result of a mental disorder, is unable to use the elements of life which are essential to health, safety, and development, including food, clothing, and shelter. Developmental disabilities, alcoholism or other drug use, do not by themselves, constitute a mental disorder."

2. Completion - Watch Commander. The watch commander shall:

- * Ensure that a juvenile with a present medical condition is treated by paramedics or at a contract hospital; and,
- * Be guided by MEU in the event the juvenile appears to suffer from a mental illness and/or is a danger to self, danger to others or gravely disabled.

C. Distribution.

- 1 - Juvenile's original Los Angeles County Unified Arrestee Medical Screening Form, provided to the Los Angeles County Juvenile Detention Center facility.

1 - TOTAL

FORM AVAILABILITY: The Los Angeles County Unified Arrestee Medical Screening Form, Form SH-R-422, is currently available at all Department jail facilities and Los Angeles County Juvenile Detention Center facilities.

AMENDMENTS: This Order amends Department Manual Sections 4/218.66 and 4/648.03.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, Detective Bureau, shall monitor compliance with this Order in accordance with the Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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